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RS-13, , Assignment of Sterility Code

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1. Now that the RS-13 equipment has been tested, accepted, and is being made available for issue, the question of a sterility code assignment has been raised. This point has been discussed at some length by our with the Procurement Division of the Office of Logistics, and has resulted, among other things, in the issue of a memorandum by explaining in some detail the meaning of the sterility code.

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2. The RS-13 was procured under an arrangement which is not covered by the concept of this code, in that while the association with this Agency is classified, overt employees of this Agency dealt directly with representatives of the contracting firm. Further, the Procurement Division of the Office of Logistics states that in cases where the sterility code is applicable, except for the assignment of "SC-O," the procurement of the material is accomplished through a "cut-out." Therefore, it is not possible under the circumstances to assign any sterility code classification to the RS-13.

3. It must be pointed out, however, that while the RS-13 is unclassified, it is intended primarily for agent operation and must, therefore, be handled, shipped, stored, and used in the manner accorded any other piece of agent equipment, whether that other piece of equipment is Agency sterile or not.

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